

# Message Notes & **Discussion Guide**

#### **MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE** THE STANDARD FOR GENEROSITY

<sup>27</sup>"But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.<sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.

<sup>32</sup> "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.<sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

<sup>37</sup>"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup>Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

- Luke 6:27-38 (NIV)

### PRINCIPLES OF GENEROSITY

- Generosity is an \_\_\_\_\_\_ that leads to \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Generosity requires \_\_\_\_\_ •
- Generosity must go \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ what is •
- Generosity creates space for \_\_\_\_\_ •
- God \_\_\_\_\_ generosity

## **BIG IDEA**

Our Heavenly Father is the by which generosity should be

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- 1. What is the most generous thing that someone has ever done for you?
- 2. Who is the most generous person you have met?
- 3. How is generosity an attitude? How does this lead to action?
- 4. Why is it important to view generosity as affecting more than just our finances?
- 5. How does generosity require sacrifice?
- 6. Why is generosity more than meeting the bare minimum expectation? What did Jesus say about this? *(see verses 32-36)*
- 7. How does generosity create space for restoration to occur?
- 8. What are some of the blessings of generosity?
- 9. Why is it important that God is the standard by which generosity is measured?
- 10. In light of what Jesus said in this passage, how might being generous like our Heavenly Father distinguish us from the world?
- 11. How can the generosity of God shape your own generosity?
- 12. What are some ways that you can be generous like your Heavenly Father?